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22 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Berlin Crisis Capabilities: A memorandum for the AD/O defined FBIS capabilities for collection and analysis relating to the Berlin situation, in accordance with an A/DD/I request for a general review of intelligence activities in this sphere. It was concluded that FBIS' assets and capabilities regarding Berlin remain essentially as defined at the time of the last such review on 30 August 1961.

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2. Taiwan Strait Situation: Two more propaganda-analysis items on the FBIS Wire responded to the OCI/NIC request for reporting on significant developments relating to the Strait situation, with Watch Committee needs in mind. A CINCPAC requirement for FBIS analysis support regarding the Taiwan question was partially filled with a copy of a Special Memorandum prepared in June for the State Department. Any significant changes in the pattern of propaganda on Taiwan will be brought to CINCPAC's attention.

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3. Other Special FBIS Services:

a. The FBIS collection and analysis support of the Agency representative with the U. S. delegation to the Laos negotiations in Geneva was terminated with the adjournment of the conference on 23 July.

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c. A request from [] for indications of bloc propaganda pressures on Greece regarding the Macedonian question was filled by RPB on the basis of information supplied by the London and Mediterranean Bureaus.

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d. A roundup of Havana propaganda since mid-June, prepared by East Coast Bureau, was forwarded to DD/P as an interim service pending the inception of Cuban propaganda analysis in RPB.

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e. Extracts of Moscow and Peking propaganda bearing on the

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doctrinal concept of "transition to communism in advanced capitalist countries" were supplied to the office of the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. [redacted] 50X1

f. An index, prepared by the RPB Research Support Section in June, of all publicized Khrushchev letters to foreign heads of state was updated for the State Department. [redacted] 50X1

4. Radio Propaganda Report: RS.52, "The Development of CEMA, as Publicized in Bloc Propaganda," was issued on 2 August, with a series of tables showing attendance by bloc member states and "observers" at CEMA meetings since 1949. [redacted] 50X1

5. Daily Report Supplements: The Daily Report issued three area supplements: (1) on 20 July an 85-page text of the United Arab Republic's 1962-63 Draft Budget as read over Radio Cairo 29 June; (2) on 27 July the text of Premier Mehmet Shehu's speech to the Albanian People's Assembly 16 July; and (3) on 1 August a 66-page compilation of materials relating to the Fourth Plenum of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav League of Communists 22-23 July. [redacted] 50X1

6. Liaison: As part of Headquarters' continuing efforts to simplify "flagging" requirements for field bureaus, Continuing Requirement 143-56 for material on intelligence methods and allied subjects to be flagged "Copy to Liaison" (as noted in the 4 January 1962 L & R Staff Memorandum to All FBIS Components Concerned) is canceled. In the future the yellow copy of unpublished material in these categories will be passed directly to the requesting office by Headquarters. [redacted]

7. CRITIC: Bureaus are requested to review periodically [redacted] 50X1 on "CRITIC" procedures to insure staff familiarity with the provisions of this notice. [redacted] 50X1

8. Communications: A ruling was obtained from the Defense Communications 50X1 Agency on FBIS communications planning. In general, the Division's equipment modernization plan for trans-Pacific operations was favorably reviewed and the question of on-line cipher equipment resolved. FBID is not required to plan for the latter in the foreseeable future. [redacted] 50X1

9. Bangkok Survey: Although there is no plan to move, a survey of available facilities in Bangkok, Thailand was undertaken in late June 1962 by the Saigon Bureau Chief. Suitable buildings, already in embassy hands, were examined and are earmarked for emergency relocation. In general, signals in Bangkok were similar in quality and strength to those now monitored in Saigon. All current Saigon-monitored signals were checked. [redacted] 50X1

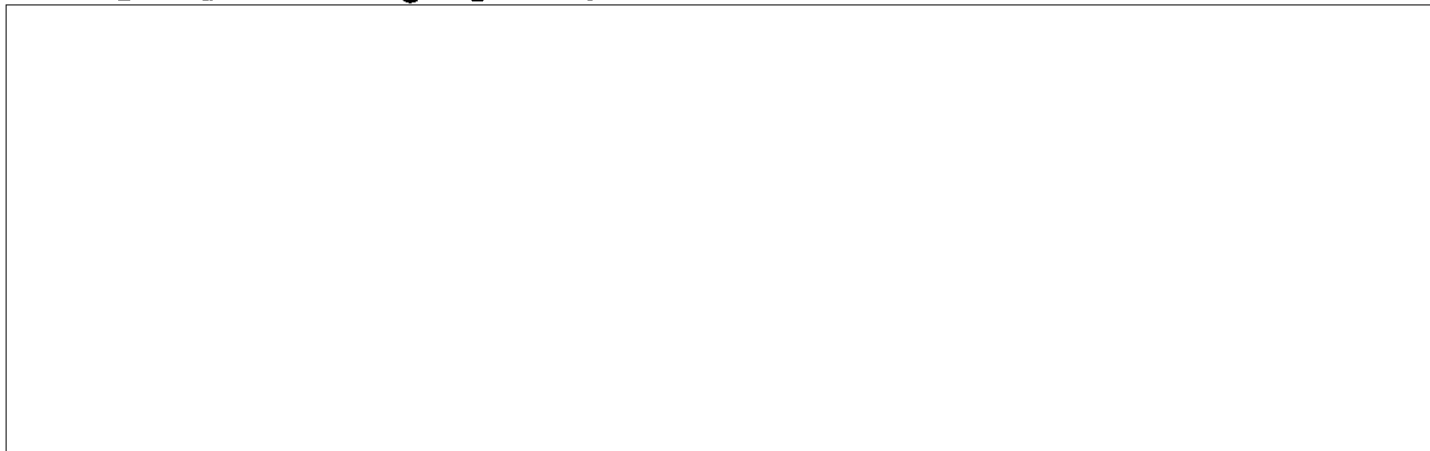
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10. The following regulatory issuances were disseminated:



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General: Interpretive editorial notes should not be integrated into Copy. Recently, the Daily Report inadvertently published such a note, carried in parentheses, which elicited a formal diplomatic protest to the Department of State. Please review Page B 16 of the Editorial Handbook.

2. The use of the Editorial Report indicator, originally limited to a single source (as are indicators such as Text, Excerpts, etc.), has been extended more and more to accommodate roundups of reportage or comment derived from multiple sources, if preceded by a sourceline reflecting the sources and period under review. For example, a day's roundup of the Tokyo press and radio, when filed for Daily Report use in lieu of individually processed items, would bear the sourceline "Tokyo Radios and Newspapers 2 September 1962 -- T." A roundup, review, or survey of broadcasts over an extended period would carry such sourceline as "Soviet Central Asian Broadcasts 3 - 15 October 1962 -- M." This expedient makes possible Daily Report publication, under an authorized indicator, of bulky material that would otherwise have to be presented as an Editor's Note.

East Coast Bureau and Key West Post: Monitors and editors concerned are commended for an excellent job in processing and filing the Havana TV special feature on alleged U. S. intelligence activity in Cuba. This material was published in the Daily Report 19 July.

Mediterranean Bureau: Headquarters editors expressed appreciation for the smooth and accurate processing of voluminous UAR budget materials submitted by the bureau.

London Bureau: Moscow reports on the launchings and landings of Vostok III and IV were put on the FBIS Wire from one to 50 minutes ahead of initial flashes from local press agencies. Bureau performance, while commendable in respect to prompt handling of this material, was marred somewhat by the filing of several items with incorrect or missing sourcelines.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. USSR Time Zones: The Broadcast Information Section plans to publish a revised "Times Zone of the USSR" which was first released in 1959. Bureaus monitoring Soviet regional stations are requested to report all time zone changes as well as recent changes in political and geographical boundaries of the various regions by 1 February 1963. Cities which recently have been incorporated into new krays or other sub-divisions should be rechecked to determine if their time zones have also been altered.

2. Okinawa Typhoons: Two typhoons, Joan at 60 mph and Nora at 115 mph struck Okinawa in July. Slight damage to the housing area occurred during the latter.

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ADMINISTRATION

1. Credit Union and Insurance Payments: It is requested that employees forwarding Credit Union or insurance payments to Headquarters include the name of the bureau on their self-addressed envelope in order to facilitate the return of these booklets to the proper bureau.

2. Foreign National Transfers: When Foreign National employees transfer from one bureau to another, only the receiving bureau should prepare a transferring personnel action effective the date the employee arrives at his new station.

3. Lease Numbers: All leases, agreements, and contracts negotiated in the field must have a Bureau number assigned to them.

4. Travel Regulations: Travel arranged by Bureaus should follow the principle outlined in a recently revised issue of the SGTR quoted below:

"As provided in section 3.8, extra-fare planes, including first class accommodations on jet planes regardless of whether a part of the fare is designated as a surcharge, may be authorized or approved whenever their use is administratively determined to be more advantageous to the Government. Accommodations not designated "first-class" on jet planes (with or without a surcharge) may be used without specific authorization or approval where the total cost of the transportation, including surcharge if any is less than the lowest cost of accommodations designated "first-class" on propeller driven planes."

5. Personnel:

a. New Employees



Assignment

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Editorial Branch

Intelligence Analyst, Support
Section, RPB

Editor, USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

Monitor
West Coast Bureau

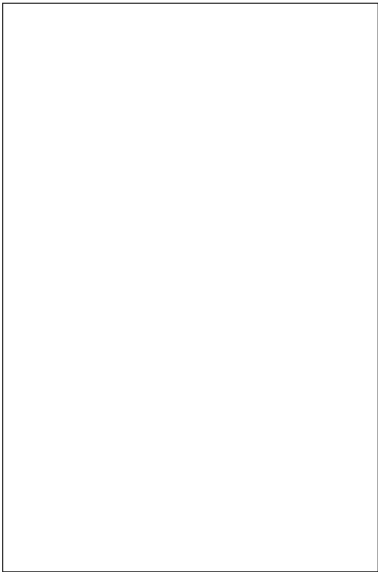
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b. Reassignments



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| Info Specialist, BIS Field Operations Staff | Cruising Monitor East Coast Bureau |
| Editor Saigon Bureau | Analyst, Bloc Internal Affairs Section, RPB |
| Editor West Coast Bureau | Editor Okinawa Bureau |
| Editor Mediterranean Bureau | Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Sect., Editorial Branch |
| Chief, Liaison & Re- quirements Staff | Chief Hokkaido Bureau |
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c. Resignations



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| Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Section, Editorial Branch | (Retirement) |

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